

Appl. No. 10/581,403  
Reply to Office Action of September 26, 2008

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**ELECTION and remarks**

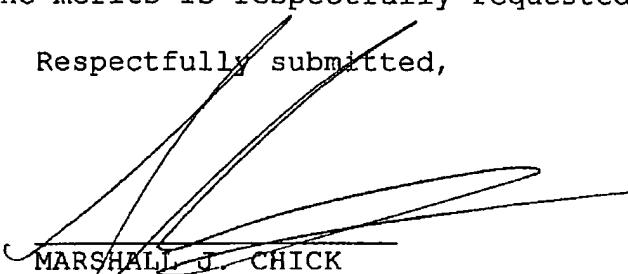
Applicants hereby elect the invention of Group I (Claims 1-14) drawn to strain bending property of a pipe by using load buckling or strain stress curve.

The dependency of Claim 15 is changed to Claims 1-4. Thus Claim 15 is in the elected group.

A favorable action on the merits is respectfully requested.

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